### HERE AND THERE

#### WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF **PARAGRAPHS**

#### Peace Notes.

France has concluded a secret offensive and defensive alliance with Czecho-Slovakia, according to advices received in Washington. By the terms of the alliance the two nations are reported to have given pledges to assist each other offensively or defensively.

+ + + Premier Lloyd Geoge told the American and British corespondents in England that Great Britain did not desire to impose the impossible on Germany, but was convinced that Germany would pay what was demanded by the Paris tems.

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The German foreign office buzzed with activity the other day as high officials considered the next step in their reparations campaign. The American reply to Germany's repara tions note was regarded as practically an American command to submit an demnity proposals which Great Brit ain and France can consider. + + +

The inter-allied Rhineland commission is meeting difficulties in the application of the new customs regime on the eastern front of the occupied territories, which became effective recently, as a large percentage of the German customs officers have refused to work and others are offering passive resistance.

+ + + The American government has refused an urgent request of the German government that President Harding mediate the question of reparations between Germany and the Allies and fix the sum Germany is to pay.

+ + + The German government has refused to transfer the gold reserves of the Reichbank, the German imperial bank, to the Coblenz and Cologne branches of the bank, as demanded by the reparations commission it was announced in Paris recently.

+ + + Discussing the budget for the devastated regions, Louis Loucheur, minister for the liberated regions, told the French chamber of deputies if Germany furnished labor for the reconstruction of devastated regions he saw no reason why the aid of the Germans should not be employed in the mines in Northern France in producing coal.

+ + + Faced with the necessity of reaching an agreement before May 1, the next two weeks promised to be filled with conferences of the allied leaders. The first of these will be held at the home of Premier Lloyd George's millionaire secretary, Sir his canoe capsized. Philip Sasson, at Hythe.

#### \* \* \* Washington.

Dividends ranging from \$1.04 to \$7.50 on each thousand dollars of government insurance will be paid June 17 to holders of 1-year and 2year converted policies, it was announced recently by Director Cholmley Jones of the war risk bureau. + + +

Excessively high rail rates are damming up American industry and agri- at Canyon City for the murder of culture, making for stagnation and preventing the recovery toward "normalcy" of general business. That was the picture of the national situation laid before a recent cabinet ses-

+ + + Recall to the diplomatic corps of Dr. David Jayne Hill of New York and Henry Lane Wilson of Indiana, both of whom served as ambassadors under the last Republican administration, is understood to be under consideration by President Harding.

+ + + Bituminous coal production which has been exceedingly low since January 1, showed a substantial increase during the week ending April 16, according to figures given out by the geological survey. The total output, including lignite and coking coal was 6,525,000 tons, or 416,000 more than during the previous week.

+ + + The "drys" have swung into action for a finish fight to prevent beer and wine sales on doctor's prescriptions. Congress is their objective. Their battle plans are drawn and are to be pushed with all the legislative cunning for which past prohibition victories have been noted.

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Domestic. Driven to desperation, it is believed, because of the failure to negotiate a loan of \$10,000, and despondent from financial worry, John P. (Jack) Cudahy, son of the late packer of Kansas City, committed suicide by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun in his bedroom at his home near Los Angeles.

Profiteering by coal and steel industries against the railroads is responsible to a large degree for the present thancial condition of the carriers, it is charged in an exhibit filed by the rail unions the other day with the federal labor board.

The Colombia treaty growing out of

the partitioning of Panama has been ratified by the senate. It provides for the payment by the United States of \$25,000,000 to the South American republic, but has yet to be approved the Colombian assembly,

Financial mismanagement of American radways, involving the dissipa-tion of tremendous sums in bonuses to stockholders, unnecessary costs of marketing securities, interest and dividends on excess capitalization and other losses, was charged in an exhibit filed with the United States railroad labor board by the railway

The price of bread in Chicago has been reduced, it was announced. Wholesalers now charge 814 cents for pound loaf and 121/2 cents for a 11/2 pound loaf. This is a cut of 1% cents on the small and 2 cents on the

The condition of winter wheat is 'excellent" in most states, according to the weekly domestic crop review of the federal bureau of crop estimates. Some damages from the recent cold were reported in the Atlantic states and some fields in Eastern Kansas were said to be showing yel-

+ + + Henry Anthony Marsh, son of Peggy Marsh, chorus girl, and Henry Field, grandson of Marshall Field, will not share any part of the vast fortune of the great Chicago merchant. The Illinois supreme court has upheld the Marshall Field will, which specifically exempts any illegitimate offspring from inheritance.

Five motor car bandits held up John S. Amberg, vice-president, and Norton F. Stone, cashier of the Scheubert-Amberg State Bank of Chicago, and escaped with \$25,000 in cash. Amberg and Stone were in a car conveying the cash to the Union Trust Company when the bandits halted them.

+ + + M. H. Gordon, who said he was a fur and feather dealer of St. Louis, was arrested in New York, charged with having narcotics in his posses sion, after the police had seized a trunkful of gum opium, valued at \$100,000, at the Grand Central station.

#### + + + Southwest.

One child was killed and three wom en severely injured as the result of a horse bolting the track and running through the crowd at a horse race at North Centure, ten miles north of Miami, Ok., according to a report received recently.

Reclamation of 62,000 acres of desert land in the valley of the Gila River in Arizona, will be accomplished by the construction of a dam across that stream and a system of irigation. Work upon the project has been started.

+ + + The first fatality of the 1921 holiday eason on Galveston Bay occurred recently when Chance W. Timmons, 21 years old, met his death near Kemah from three hours of exposure after

A terrific hall and windstorm did many thousands of dollars' damage in the eastern part of Guthrie county, Ok, recently. Hundreds of acres of crops were beaten into the ground and many farm buildings destroyed and livestock killed. Several people are reported injured, none fatally.

Harold E. Henwood, serving a life sentence in the Colorado state prison Tony von Phul of St. Louis, noted aeronaut, May 24, 1911, has appealed for a parole, it was learned recently. Henwood shot and killed Von Puhl in the barroom of the Brown Palace hotel at Denver.

#### + + + Foreign.

Independent Socialists and Communists who attempted to start debate in the German reichstag recently relative to the German cabinet's appeal to Washington were decisively defeated.

+ + + The British coal dispute has been brought no nearer a settlement by the informal conferences that have taken place, and it is feared that when the board of trade conference of owners and miners reassembles it may still be found difficult to arrive at'an agreement.

+ + + The diplomatic advisory council has approved the attitude of the cabinet on the mandate question as relating to the island of Yap, after Viscoun Uchida, the foreign minister, had given an exposition of the government's viewpoint, according to newspaper re-

Heavy rains caused a large storage reservoir near the line of the railroad between Monterey, Mex., and Tampico to break. Several villages were inundated and more than fifty persons were drowned. A long stretch of railroad track was washed

An extraordinary session of the Oklahoma legislature to meet Monday, April 25, has been called by Gov. J. B. A. Robertson.

+ + + The Allied mixed military and civil commission met recently at the headquarters of Marshal Foch and definitely decided the details for the military and economic organization of German territory which will be so cupied after May 1 in the event Germany does not carry out her reparations obligations.

Prof. Thomas G. Masaryk has resigned as president of Czecho-Slovak is, according to a Prague dispatel to the Exchange Telegraph Company Ill health is given as the reason

## VEALTHY KANSAN BANDITS' VICTIM

George S, Hight Living Near Independence, Found Unconscioas in Road.

#### WAS DRUGGED AND TORTURED

Men in Motor Car Attempted to Force Property.

Independence, Kas.—Drugged, tor-tured by electrical appliances and twice strung up with a rope, George S. Hight, a wealthy ranchman living preferred. about nine miles northwest of here. was found the other morning on a main highway in a state of uncon sciousness. In an incoherent manner, a little later he told posses numbering more than fifty persons who had been searching for him, that the af-fair was staged with robbery as a motive.

Early Sunday morning he drove to pasture where he had some repairing of a fence to do, About 9 o'clock in the morning he said a drab colored 5-passenger motor car, which had on all of its curtains, stopped about a quarter of a mile away. Two men got out of the car and after standing there for a moment shouted for him. Thinking they needed help, he went to their aid.

Forced Into Car and Tied. As he walked up he saw one was a negro with hair closely cropped, weighing about two hundred pounds, while the other was a white man, blond, with a disfigured face. His right eye was about a half inch lower than the left. On Hight's arrival at the car the negro pulled a gun and ordered him into the car. He said als wrists and ankles were bound with

After driving a short distance his arms were released and he was ordered to sign a check for \$600 and a deed for five hundred acres of ranch land.

The two bandits had three of his abstracts that were stolen some time ago from the Bank at La Fountain, a small town nearby.

"If we can't get these people's money out of the bank we will get it.

another way," the white robber is said to have exclaimed.

Tortured and Then Hanged. Hight refused to sign the instruments. It was then, he says, he was again bound and drugged. After that things were hazy. He remembers that about two hours afterward they drove to an empty store building and there a strong battery had been installed and wires were fitted around him. This was supposed to be the "ace" instrument of torture with which the robbers had decided to torture the farmer into signing the papers.

#### HAVE FINE ARMY ON RHINE

Authorities Agree That United States Has Best of Allied Forces Now in German Territory.

Coblenz.-A complete outfit, a minsary services, capable of taking the field at twenty-four hours' notice without the assistance of any outside elements and one of the best military units ever organized in the world's history of armies-such is the de scription that military men, allied, neutral and ex-enemies, apply to the American army of occupation as it is constituted today.

That the efficiency of the training system of the American forces in Germany, the excellence of their equip ment and their faultless military bearing are generally recognized throughout Europe is shown by the fact that missions from various countries have either visited Coblenz in the last few months or have applied for permission to come to this base and get first-hand knowledge of how it is

#### ESSAY CONTEST ON ROADS

Various Government Agencies and Na tional Organization Offer University Scholarships as a Prize.

Washington.-Various government agencies and national organizations are announcing the new good roads and highway transport national e contest, to be open to all pupils of high school grade. The national prin is a 4-year scholarship in the univer sity or college chosen by the succe ful contestant. It is offered by H. S. Firestone, Akron, O.

The contest will be conducted by the highway and highway transport education committee, Dr. P. P. Clas ton, United States commissioner o education, chairman, who announce rules governing the contest.

A War on Emergency Tariff. Washington.—Tariff wars will be waged against American manufac thred products by half a dozen cour tries as protests against the Your emergency tariff bill, trade repr sentatives indicated here,

An Engineer Killed in Katy Wrack. Fort Worth, Tex.—In a freight to derailment on the Missouri, Kan & Texas railroad near Elgin, Engineer Pearson of Springdale, was killed. No others of the was injured.

#### SUBSTANTIAL FLOOR FOR POULTRY HOUSE

Specialists Say There is No One Best Kind.

Everything Depends on Soil and Use of Structure as to Which is to Be Preferred—Coment is Most Sanitary.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

Cement floors for poultry houses are championed by some poultry growers, while others declare a good dirt floor while others deciaire a good dirt floor is the only kind to use. The fact is, poultry specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture say, that there is no one best kind of floor. It all depends on the soil, and the use of the house as to which type is to be

On light, sandy, well-drained solls a dirt floor is satisfactory, especially for small or colony hen houses. Such floors should be from 2 to 6 inches



A Plain and Suitable House Poultry.

higher than the outside ground surface, and it is advisable to renew them every year by removing the contaminated surface down to clean soil, and to refill with fresh sand or fine gravel and earth.

A board floor is generally used where the level of the floor in the house is from 1 to 3 feet above the ground surface, and in portable houses on land which is not well drained. Board floors harbor rats, and rot quickly, and should be raised some distance off the ground so that cats or dogs can get under them, and also to allow a free circulation of air to prevent the wood from rotting.

Cement floors are adapted to permanent laying houses, to brooder houses, incubator cellars, and to all permanent houses where an artificial floor is required, and can be built on the ground level. These floors are easy to clean, very sanitary, rat proof, and comparatively inexpensive, if one has a cheap supply of gravel or sharp sand.

#### BROWN-TAIL MOTH IMPORTED

Inspection of French Nursery Stocks Results in Uncovering Many Nests of Insects.

Federal and state inspection of French fruit and rose stocks during recent months has resulted in the interception of 85 nests of the browntail moth in 32 shipments, in contrast with 63 infested French shipments which have arrived in this country during the last nine years. The finding of so many nests in such a brief period indicates that the French inspection service is much below the standard of previous years. To meet this situation, all French shipments of rose and fruit stocks are being fumigated at the port of entry under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, as well as inspected at destination by state inspectors. Furthermore, a warning has been sent to the French nurserymen and the French Inspection service to the effect that if shipments continue to arrive infested with nests of this injurious insect, it may be necessary to cancel all existing permits to import French stocks.

Interceptions bave been made by the state inspectors of Connecticut, New York, Indiana, Iowa, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland and federal inspectors in New York city, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* COWPEA HARVESTER.

The bean harvester, of which several types are commonly em-ployed in harvesting field beans. will work well with cowpens planted in rows, according to specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The most successful of these harvesters are constructed so that the long knives run under the vines, cutting off the stems beneath the surface of the ground,

## CONTROL OF BLISTER MITE

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Very Thorough Spraying, Covering Every Part of Tree, is Redem-mended as Satisfactory.

Early spraying will control the blister mite on apple trees. The trees should be sprayed when the trees are dormant or when the leaf buds are swelling with lime sulphor spray in about the proportion of one gallon of the concentrated lime sulphur to nine willows of water. callons of water. The spraying must he very thoroughly done, covering every part of the tree. Unless the spraying is done early the result will not be satisfactory.

## COMPER USEFUL TO HELP SOILS

Crop Increases Productiveness and Also Improves General Physical Condition.

#### GREATLY BENEFITS ORCHARD

About 85 Per Cent of Fertilizing Value of Crop is Contained in Hay and 15 Per Cent in the Roots and Stubble.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

The ease with which cowpens are grown and their marked effect on succeeding crops have made them one of the most popular crops grown for soil improvement. Besides increasing the productiveness of the soil, the bulletin says, the cowpea also improves its general physical condition making heavy clay soils more open and sandy soils more comment. The cowpea has soils more compact. The cowpea has the distinct advantage of making a good growth on soils which will not produce profitable yields of other le-gumes or cereals. It is an excellent green-manure crop for vineyards and orchards.

#### Plow Under Stubble.

Except on the poorer soils, results dicate that it is decidedly more prof indicate that it is decidedly more profitable to utilize the cowpea as hay or pasture and then plow under the stubble than it is to plow under the entire crop. About 85 per cent of the fertilizing and soll-improving value, of the cowpea is contained in the hay and about 15 per cent in the roots. and stubble. Feeding experiments invalue of feeds is recovered in the manure. It is possible, therefore, to obtain the feeding value of the cow-pea as hay or pasture, and, in return-ing the manure to the soil, to save



Cowpeas and Johnson Grass Seeder

Together. a large part of the fertilizing value, When the entire crop is plowed under, a more beneficial and lasting effect is obtained, but this advantage is not sufficiently great to equal the feeding value of the cowpea.

Plow Under Entire Crop.

Light or sandy soils that have bee cropped for a long time and need humus receive greater benefit from plowing under the whole crop, When, therefore, the improvement of the land is the sole object, the entire crop should be plowed under to obtain th greatest value. In utilizing the entire crop for soil improvement, it is best to plow it under when green, before being killed by frost. The green plants decay more readily and are su-perior to dry plants in their fertilizing

The results of analyses made by the North Carolina agricultural experiment station show that one ten of cowpea hay contains 47 pounds of nitrogen, 10 pounds of phosphoric acid and 29 pounds of potash.

#### BETTER CONTAINERS NEEDED

Millions of Dollars Worth of Perish able Products Destroyed An-nually in Transit.

Perishable products worth million of dollars are destroyed annually on account of breakage in transit of the account of breakage in transit of the containers in which they are packed. More than one railroad has appealed to the United States Bureau of Markets to help to remedy this situation, a high official of a southern railroad stating recently that, in his opinion, abippers should be compelled to use containers of adequate strength, and that proper car-loading methods should be exercised.

It is vastly to the interests of the

shipper to use containers of a strengt that will carry perishable product safely to market, and the bureau o markets has made many investigation and experiments to determine just what strength retainers should be to accomplish that result. These investigations are still in progress, but the ciently complete to enable the bureau to advise shopers with regard to the best containers to use in shipping specified fruits and vegetables.



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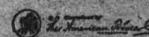
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